doctors to apply for the first round of recruitment under the system of current Modernising Medical Careers launched by UK Department of Health. The Department of Health has agreed to consider the request of keeping the first round open for Indian doctors. In the first round, NHS proposes to recruit around 10,000 doctors. Further efforts are on to ensure that IMGs are also allowed to appear unconditionally for the second round of recruitment that is likely to take place in April 2007.

(b) Approximately 10,000 doctors are facing hardships at present due to the implementation of the new regulation.

Convening of PBS

†1092. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for selecting ten place in the world for convening Pravasi Bhartiya Sammelan after the intereval of every two years;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the suggestions received in the Pravasi Bhartiya Sammelan held in January, 2007 and the decisions taken thereon; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to implement the decision taken in the conference?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2007 focused on India's social development challenges including: education, healthcare, women, youth and investment. Many suggestions were recevied in these areas with emphasis on developing public private partnerships and establishing institutional mechanism to channelise the resources of Overseas Indians into the social development process of India; and making economic transformation of the country more equitable with benefits of development

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reaching the poorest of the country. Suggestions were also received to integrate Overseas Indians into the main stream socio economic development of the country including the welfare of emigrant workers in the host countries. These suggestions will be taken into consideration while making policy decisions.

Fraudulent activities in sending people abroad

†1093. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several people in India are cheating innocent persons by luring them to get employment abroad through fraudulent activites and violating the set norms in this regard;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to check this trend; and

(c) the number of cases that came to light during the years 2003 to 2006 and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) Complaints are received about cheating of Indian workers seekings jobs abroad by some unscrupulous recruiting agents in India. Panel action is taken against illegal/unregistered recruiting agents for violation of privisions of the Emigration ACt, 1983 by referring their cases to the Police authorities concerned. Actioni against registered Recruiting Agents in such cases is taken by suspension/cancellation of their Registration Certificates.

With a view to curbing the exploitation of Indian workers going abroad, it has been made mandatory w.e.f. 15.11.2003 for the Recuriting Agents to submit all the employment document, viz., demand letter, power of attorney and specimen employment contract in original for obtaining emigration clearance. These employment documents are required to be attested by the concerned Indian Mission (s) in the case of unskilled workers and housemads/domestic servants.

During the years 2003—2006, number of complaints received against registered Recruiting Agents, whose Registration Certificates were suspended/cancelled, is as follows:

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